

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – ACTION taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of July 22, 2013 included authorization for sale of \$890,000 in general obligation tax increment bonds to finance the North Third Street Improvement Project; authorization for execution of a lease with Unimin Corporation to the new compost processing site; authorization of an agreement for MnDOT to serve as the City's fiscal agent for receipt of Federal Funds to be used for the Washington Avenue Link Project; and approval of the design for Part 1 (from Sumner Street to 300' north of St. Julien Street) of the Washington Avenue Link Project.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. For more information on City Council meetings, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663. A copy of the City Council packet is also available each week on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>.

CITY COUNCIL FILING PERIOD – Candidates interested in filing for City Council positions may do so beginning Tuesday, July 30th through Tuesday, August 13th in the City Administrator's Office at City Hall. The City Administrator's Office is open for candidate filing from 8 am – 12:00 noon and 1-5 pm Monday-Friday. Cost to file is \$2.

Positions that will be up for election include Mayor (2 year term), Councilmembers Ward I (4 year term/2 seats open) and Councilmember Ward II (4 year term/1 seat open).

To qualify for election, a candidate for City Council must be eligible to vote in Minnesota; have not filed for the same or any other office at the upcoming general election; be 21 years of age or more on assuming office; and have maintained residence in the district to be represented for at least 30 days

before the general election. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Persons with questions regarding the election or filing for office are encouraged to call the City Administrator's office at 934-0663.

HIGHWAY 169 INFORMATION MEETING – The Minnesota Department of Transportation has scheduled a public information event on the Highway 169 project. Here is info from MnDOT about the event.....

"Businesses and residents are encouraged to review plans for changes to access on Highway 169 on the north end of Saint Peter. An open house is set for Monday, August 12 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Senior Center at the Saint Peter Community Center.



The open house is scheduled prior to the Saint Peter City Council meeting which begins at 7 p.m. and during which an official hearing on the Highway 169 project will take place.

Staff from the Minnesota Department of Transportation plan to make safety improvements at intersections along Highway 169 in 2014. The intersections with St. Julien Street and Highway 22 are targeted for revisions because they have above average crash rates. Safety improvements are also planned that impact intersections with Union Street, Ritt Street and Dranttel Street.

2014 is also the year when MnDOT plans to resurface the southbound lanes of Highway 169 and raise two miles of flood-prone roadway between Saint Peter and Le Sueur. MnDOT has similar plans for Highway 169 from Mankato to Saint Peter in 2016. For more information on the flood mitigation projects visit www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/floodmitigation/.

To request an ASL or foreign language interpreter or other reasonable accommodation, call Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to janet.rae.miller@state.mn.us.”

COMMUNITY CENTER Wi-Fi - Wi-Fi has been expanded at the Community Center. Three additional Wireless Access Points (WAPs) have been added expanding the available Wi-Fi coverage. With the additional WAPs, the meeting rooms downstairs, the meeting rooms on the main floor and the gym are now Wi-Fi enabled. This expands on the areas that were already covered which included the Senior Center, and the seating area outside of the Recreation Office. Wi-Fi is still available in the Library as well.



HOSPITAL CEO SEARCH - Staff is in the final stages of completing a background investigation of the candidates who were interviewed for the Hospital CEO position.

This is a very important position and that makes it even more important to do a complete investigation.

The Hospital Commission is expected to give firm direction to negotiate a contract with one of the finalists at their next meeting on July 31st and then a contract will be negotiated with the candidate. Once the contract is finalized, the City Council will be asked to approve the appointment and contract in August.

SURPLUS PROPERTY –

The City is offering some additional equipment from the movie theater for public sale through the State of Minnesota online auction website at www.minnbid.org.



Also being offered for sale via the website is a Yamaha Model YAM5HN0090 youth dirt bike, blue in color. The dirt bike starts and drives but needs basic maintenance and currently the driver needs to hold the choke on to run. As with all items on the website, this vehicle is being sold in “as is” condition.

Bidders must register with the site prior to making a bid.

OUTDOOR POOL FUTURE PLANS - What is a Wibit?! Wibit brings hurdles and frog hands to the water! How does that go? Very simply - over, under, over, under, over. Use it in the shallow end or the deep end for games and races! Staff at the outdoor pool are working to raise funds to bring Wibits to the outdoor pool in the summer of 2014 with a goal of \$10,000.

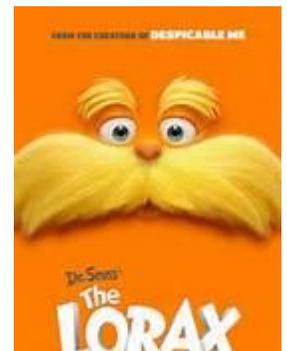
Two fundraisers are now underway! First, vote for a pool staff member to become a “Human Sundae”. The public can cast votes by contributing coins and/or dollars into containers representing several pool staff. The staff person with the most “votes” (i.e. money), will be the pool’s own Human Sundae at the Summer Celebration on Tuesday, August 6th at 6 p.m. in the outdoor pool area.



The second fundraiser lets you “adopt a pool block”. The pool house is built with concrete blocks that are available for “adoption” by an individual, family or organization. For \$25 you can pick your “block” and decorate/personalize as you like. Visit the pool to see examples and plan to help us bring Wibits to the pool! If you would like more information, or to donate, please contact the Recreation office at 934-0667 or stop at the outdoor pool. Wibits here we come!!

MOVIES IN THE PARK -

The Movies in the Park series is presented by the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. This Friday, July 26th, grab your blanket, chairs, and munchies and head to Jefferson Fields for the first outdoor movie of the summer - “The Lorax”.



First National Bank of Saint Peter is sponsoring “The Lorax” which will begin at dusk (approximately 9:30 p.m.). The movie is 95 minutes long. An hour before dusk, approximately 8:30 p.m., the summer Recreation staff will lead free family activities like bean bag toss, water balloon launcher and more. Enjoy watching the movie on a 16 foot inflatable HD screen in a relatively mosquito-free environment (thanks to the Public Works staff!)

FINE FREE FRIDAY - All overdue items returned to the Saint Peter Public Library on **FRIDAY, JULY 26th** will be FINE FREE! Gather up all those

overdue items that are cluttering up your house and return them on Friday, July 26th and breathe a sigh of relief – no fines! Note: this applies only to Saint Peter Public Library materials and not materials loaned from other libraries.

TRANSIT SYSTEM

CHANGES – The City’s transit system will be changing on August 1st. The current dial-a-ride system will continue, but a deviated route system will also be implemented.



The route system will consist of two “loops”...one on the north end of the community and one focusing on the south end. Bus stops are being created at various high bus traffic points along each of these routes and riders will be able to get on or off the bus at these stops. The stops were determined after an analysis of pick-up and drop-off locations in 2012 and the stops are those locations which had the most passenger use. As the route system is utilized for longer periods, the stops may change, have new ones added, or some of them may be removed depending on rider preferences.

In addition to the implementation of the route system, the fares will change. Those who continue to use the dial-a-ride system (where you call the bus and the driver picks you up right at your door), will pay higher fares. The cost will double for the dial-a-ride system. Fares for the route system riders will remain at the current rates.

Informational materials for this transit system change are in the process of being developed and will soon be available for transit system riders. City staff will also distribute the information to businesses and other organizations in Saint Peter

that have a high number of customers or participants that utilize the transit system.

The City’s Facebook page and website will also be updated with the new information (including the new fare schedule and route maps) as soon as it is completed.

The proposed changes are being made to ensure a steady flow of revenue for the Transit system that will provide funding for the City’s share of capital costs (buses).

HELP WANTED - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following position:

- **PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER** in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent; knowledge of cleaning methods and procedures; knowledge of the materials, supplies and equipment utilized in cleaning activities; experience working with the public. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** One or more years of housekeeping experience; knowledge of OSHA safety regulations; and experience operating restroom cleaning machines. The beginning wage is \$9.37 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available in the City Administrator’s office at 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 1-5 p.m. or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator’s office by 5:00 p.m. July 24, 2013. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

CITY MEETING CALENDAR - This calendar is subject to change. Should you have a question on a meeting date/time, please contact the City Administrator’s Office at 934-0663 or visit the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

Thursday	July 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 29	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday- Tuesday	July 30- August 13		CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD
Tuesday	July 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 31	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	August 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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Tuesday	August 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	August 12	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	August 12	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Highway 169 Flood Mitigation Project Info Event
Monday	August 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	August 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	August 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 23	8:00 p.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 28	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission